City of Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: 114.

## AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: MARCH 21, 2007

## **SUBJECT:**

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION: PUBLIC COMMENT DURING THIS PORTION OF THE AGENDA MUST BE LIMITED TO MATTERS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL. NO SUBJECT MAY BE ACTED UPON BY THE CITY COUNCIL UNLESS THAT SUBJECT IS ON THE AGENDA AND IS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION. IF YOU WISH TO BE HEARD, COME TO THE PODIUM AND GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD. THE AMOUNT OF DISCUSSION ON ANY SINGLE SUBJECT, AS WELL AS THE AMOUNT OF TIME ANY SINGLE SPEAKER IS ALLOWED, MAY BE LIMITED

## **BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:**

Submitted at meeting – Petition from Susan McMasters

## Minutes:

MAYOR GOODMAN announced that LYNN BACHER is a law student at Boyd Law School and is working for the City Attorney's Office as an intern. She attended the University of Oregon for her undergraduate degree. He also proudly announced the arrival of his new grandchild, JACOB NICHOLAS GOODMAN. He weighed seven pounds, seven ounces, 19 inches long. Mother and child are doing very well.

MAYOR GOODMAN announced that COUNCILMAN ROSS<sup>1</sup> son, who he has not seen in two years, will be returning from Russia having completed his mission. ELDER MATTHEW ROSS will be picked up by his dad later in the evening.

DOROTHY BARNES congratulated MAYOR GOODMAN on his new grandchild and stated that children and grandchildren come before anything. She still feels victimized and abused by the system.

TOM McGOWAN, Las Vegas resident, stated that public censorship is a form of dictatorship throughout history. He is a candidate for Mayor for the City of Las Vegas and if elected he will involve the public in government and not only special interests. He will delegate authority and everyone will rise to that challenge. There will be a higher standard of excellence in every aspect of government. He will only require four years.

SUSAN McMASTERS, Ward 4 resident, appeared to speak about Kellogg-Zahre Dog Park located at Buffalo Drive and Washington Boulevard. She submitted signatures from 150 people allowing her to speak about the poor condition of the dog park. Four weeks ago she contacted COUNCILMAN BROWN'S office asking to be placed on the agenda to speak about this issue. She indicated that the 18-month old park is in dire straights from mismanagement and neglect. The grass is being overwatered in the middle of the day, every day. The grass roots and new seedings are being drowned. Watering should be done in the middle of the night, not when people are using the park. It is shameful to waste water this way. This is unacceptable and everyone should be held accountable. This was brought to the attention of COUNCILMAN BROWN and JOHN BLACK of Leisure Services in September of last year. The park was to be

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power-washed on a regular basis, but has only been done twice. She was told that the park was badly designed. She feels the park was not excavated correctly. She reiterated that the park is new and is appauled at its condition. In September a complaint was filed with the Justice Department because none of the gates in the park are ADA compliant. She demanded a group meeting and to place this issue on the agenda because this is not acceptable.

CARL MEDONIC, Las Vegas resident, thanked City Hall staff for helping him find housing. He is thankful for the Las Vegas Rescue Mission who helps people in need.

CRAIG EARL stated that the dog park has been neglected and unkept. Holes in the park have been filled with sand but dogs dig through. Trash cans were placed near park benches and finally, after four months, they were moved. The park is still not ADA compliant. Many safety issues exist at this park, such as slippery grass because of too much water.

